



MORLET

Family Vineyards

2008

‘MA PRINCESSE’

RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY CHARDONNAY

Located on the river bench of Sonoma County’s Russian River, this vineyard benefits from Goldridge soil containing metamorphic rock. The cuttings come from the Old Wente field selection, renowned for excellent quality and minerality. Its concentration originates from the typically petite size of the berries. Handcrafted using classical Burgundian techniques, this wine is dedicated to our daughter, Claire Morlet. It is ‘My Princess’ or ‘Ma Princesse.’



<i>Proprietary name</i>	‘Ma Princesse’
<i>Name meaning</i>	My Princess Petit size of the Old Wente berries Named after our daughter Claire Morlet
<i>Varietal composition</i>	Chardonnay
<i>Type of wine</i>	Vineyard designated
<i>Appellation</i>	Russian River Valley
<i>Vineyard singularity</i>	Located on the hillside by the riverbank 35-100 feet elevation Southern exposure Goldridge and volcanic soils
<i>Picking</i>	Night pick; manual; small lugs; refrigerated truck
<i>Sorting</i>	Cluster-by-cluster
<i>Fermentation</i>	In barrel through native yeast
<i>Upbringing</i>	14 months in French oak barrels from selected artisan coopers Malolactic <i>Sur lies</i> with <i>bâtonnage</i>
<i>Bottling</i>	Unfined, unfiltered
<i>Ideal cellaring</i>	3 to 5 years after harvest date
<i>Arc of aging</i>	15 to 20 years
<i>Serving</i>	55-59°F (13-15°C); Decant when served young

TASTING NOTES

“The 2008 ‘Ma Princesse’ is an elegant, stony, mineral-laced effort with copious citrus oil notes, crisp acids, and a more restrained, medium-bodied style. This is gracefulness at its best and readers looking for more minerality in their California Chardonnay will enjoy it.”

95 points

Robert M. Parker, Jr.

Robert Parker Wine Advocate, Feb. 2011

